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We have fought for Peace, Decent Benefits for all Vets, and Social Justice for the last 35 years.

In 1971, we used the above photo in ads calling upon veterans to join us. As a result tens of thousands did, including thousands in Vietnam. That year we testified about war crimes, threw our medals back on the steps of the Capitol, and took over the Statue of Liberty. We remember the lessons of that war and we live to keep the Vietnam Syndrome alive. We continued to fight and have opposed wars from Grenada to the last Gulf war. We know that war is blood and death and misery, not Nintendo.

Now Bush II wants to send our sons and daughters to fight in Iraq. He will ignore the Congress and the UN if he doesn't get his way. He wants war and an Empire.

It doesn't stop overseas. Civil liberties are being denied at home with citizens in camps without due process. Instead of protecting its citizens the government is trying to intimidate us.

All the while veterans are facing deteriorating care, as VA hospitals close and Bush II holds up \$ 250 million in VA funds allocated by Congress. Homelessness and despair face millions of vets of past wars, while this government merrily goes off on another.

We want you to re-up or join up, or just oppose this madness with us. This Veterans Day call your representatives, write a letter to the paper, demonstrate or picket, but tell this administration we don't want war and we want the government to take care of the veterans they've already created.

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